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## HEN HOUSES

## CITY CO-OP STORE TO HONOR WRA BASIC CLOTHING SCRIP

WRA basic clothing allowances will be made in the form of scrip, which will be honored at the Topaz Co-op Store, according to Walter W. Honderich, head of the Consumer Enterprises Division.

Honderich called attention to the following excerpts from WRA Bulletin No. 27:

"A. In addition to the compensation paid in cash, each employed evacuee and those eligible for unemployment compensation shall also receive a supplementary allowance for clothing for himself and each of his dependants. Clothing allowances shall be in the form of script redeemable at the community stores.

"B. An evacuee shall be eligible for a clothing allowance at the end of each monthly pay period, if he has been employed or has been eligible for unemployment compensation during at least 15 days of the preceding month.

"C. Where there is more than one employee in a family, the clothing allowance for all dependant members of the family shall be paid only to the family head. Discharges or deductions from compensation made under paragraph IV F of this instruction, against any employed member of a family other than the family head, shall not affect clothing allowances to which members of the family other than such employees are entitled.

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## wra statistician arrives to conduct record survey

Mrs. Fern E. French, associate statistician for the WRA, arrived Wednesday morning at Topaz to conduct an individual record survey.

Regarding the survey, Mrs. French today released the following information, with further details to follow in later issues of the Times:

"On Tuesday, October 27, a selected staff of 100 workers will begin an exhaustive survey to obtain certain basic information from each resident in Topaz necessary for the organization and formation of the various departments of the City on a permanent basis. This survey has been completed in the other Relocation Centers, and has been invaluable in developing the resources and talents available.

"The Administration and the Topaz City Council will base many of their programs upon the facts derived from the survey. The records are essential for the planning of industrial, educational and recreational programs and for the selection of personnel for various activities. It is the desire of the Placement Section of the Employment Division to place every person in the job which he is best qualified to do and to obtain maximum utilization of skills and talents in so far as is possible. The facts which these records provide are essential if these objectives are to be accomplished.

"For the convenience of all residents, 50 trained workers will interview families in their own apart-

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At a 100-acre site situated  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles southeast of the City, first of thousands of adobe bricks to be manufactured here for the construction of poultry houses was produced Wednesday morning.

Sources of excellent Woodrow clay has been discovered in the neighborhood of the area by the Agricultural Division. Combined with straw and water by gasoline-powered concrete mixers, the clay is poured into wooden forms and left to harden for 10 days.

The 25 brick-makers working under the Public Works Division expressed their belief that soon production will reach 1000 bricks per day.

Scheduled to be completed by the end of the year are one broiler house, 10 brooder houses and 50 hen houses. With foundations of concrete, these structures will have 6" adobe walls with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " inner coating of plaster and wooden shed-type roofs.

Each brooder, 20'x50', has been planned to house 1500 chicks; the broiler house, 40'x120', will hold about 10 to 12 thousand fowl placed in battery coops; and every hen house same size as the brooder, will hold 300 laying hens, according to Poultry Department Secretary Henry Omi.

## WCCA CLOTHES

WCCA basic clothing arrived Friday morning from Chicago for residents who received incomplete orders while living in Tanforan, Co-director T. Shinomura announced today.

Majority of the 350 packages received at the administrative warehouse were destined as back orders for those among the 800 whose orders were not

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completed in August.

Call slips were dispatched Friday afternoon. The same system as before will be used.

The warehouse, located north of Block 3, will be open on Sunday from 8:30 AM to 4 PM.

Work shoes, skirts, slacks and girls' jackets comprised most of the goods received in the last shipment.

DR. BLAISDELL

Delegated to conduct a 3-months educational survey of 6 relocation projects in regard to the development of college education for those of college training level, Dr. Allen C. Blaisdell, educational consultant for the WRA, left the City Wednesday morning after a 2-day consultation with education officials.

Dr. Blaisdell, given from Aug. 10 to Nov. 10 to complete his assignment, reported that Topaz was the last stop on his observation tour, having already visited Tule Lake, Manzanar, Poston, Gila River and Minidoka.

During his visit here, Dr. Blaisdell spoke before a rally of U. C. students and alumni who knew him as the director of International House at Berkeley.

NOTICES

**PAYCHECKS:** According to Assistant Director James Hughes, Topaz's first paychecks, covering September, will probably be issued sometime next week. A payroll list amounting to \$7500 has been submitted to the government disbursement office in Salt Lake City.

**MUSIC:** Topaz School of Music will open for registration between 9 AM and 7 PM from Monday, Oct. 26, to Friday, Oct. 30, at Dining Halls 9, 13, 30 and 33.

**BASIC ENGLISH:** more than 200 students respond-

ed to the first registration announcement for courses in basic English, according to Dr. Laverne Bane, head of Adult Education. Dr. Bane added that when popular demand for specialized courses become evident, such courses will be incorporated into the curriculum.

**NEEDLECRAFT:** The Topaz Needlecraft School, under the adult education program, announced today that registration will be held Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 26 and 27, at Rec 29 for those interested in pattern drafting, cutting, remodeling, sewing and

knitting. The hours will be 9:30 to 11:30 AM; 1:30 to 4 PM; 6 to 7 PM.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTH

TATENO--To Mrs. Kunio Tateno, 3-9-C, Oct. 24, 5:23 PM, a boy, in City.

### DEATHS:

YOSHIDA--Mrs. Tokuko Yoshida, 4-5-C, 45 years, Oct. 25, 7:47 PM, in City.

MIZUHARA--Katsui Mizuhara, Oct. 20, 6 AM, in Redwood Canyon Sanitarium, Calif.

## MOKE ON WRA CLOTHING

"D. The following schedule for clothing allowances shall apply (to this project):

	Annually	Monthly
Persons 16 years of age and over	\$45.00	\$3.75
Persons 8 to 16 years of age	\$39.00	\$3.25
Persons under 8 years of age	\$27.00	\$2.25

"E. In addition to the clothing allowances, special uniforms shall be issued free of charge to the following persons: cooks, mess personnel, doctors, nurses, and police and fire department personnel, in those cases where the wearing of uniforms is required by the Authority..."

Honderich left for St. Louis, Mo., Friday and said the details of the arrangement would be announced upon his return, in about a week's time. He declared: "I wish to impress upon the residents that there is a mutual benefit derived when they patronize their co-operative clothing store. There is no need for the feeling that residents must secure their clothing needs from sources outside of the center. Though the prices may be the same, the profits will remain inside the center, returning to the residents in wages, patronage rebates and other benefits."

## more on record survey

ments. Individuals residing in apartments A, B and C will be interviewed during the morning of the 8 days of the survey; those in apartments D, E and F will be visited in the afternoon.

"Notices of the 4 blocks which are being interviewed each day will be posted on the bulletin boards in the community dining rooms and will be announced in the Topaz Times. The Council and the block managers have been consulted concerning the survey and will be able to answer questions concerning the work. Each block manager will be glad to show a copy of the form which will be used to any resident in his block.

"It is essential that the information entered on each record be as complete and accurate as possible. Residents should be assured that each worker is pledged to treat all information in a strictly confidential nature. The records are for official purposes only.

"The survey will be conducted under the supervision of the Employment Division".



## LETTERS



**FROM PRESTON:** "I meant to write to you much sooner than this but we got settled so late that this is the first chance I have had to write any letters.

"Preston is a small nice town. We have cool water always and the weather for the first few days we were here was just grand, but the last 2 days it has been raining. We all like it here very much.

"The boys went to work Friday morning, and at night, all came home so tired. It was the first time some of them ever had a sugar beet in their hands. Sunday, yesterday, all were resting with swollen hands, aching muscles and limbs, stiff backs, etc. The husbands are lucky for they have their wives who do the cooking, washing, shopping, etc., but I do feel so sorry for those boys who have to cook for themselves and others after a hard day's work in the beet fields.

"At present, most of the Topaz group are staying at an auto court. Each family has a small room with a stove, bed, a nice table, and little odds and ends. We had to buy our own cooking utensils, tho.

"It certainly feels grand to be in the wide open spaces again. And to see nice green trees about us! I don't miss the Topaz dust a bit."



**STUDENT:** May Yoshino, who left Topaz Oct. 11 to study at the University of Utah, wrote to her family here at 3-2-T, "There are 65 nisei students at the University, and I am the first to enroll from Topaz. Having attended the University of California, my first impression naturally was that things here were on a smaller scale, but the attitude of the students and faculty is a friendly one.

"I had intended to go into pre-nursing, but I have now switched over to a business course.

"There are plenty of schoolgirl jobs here for those who want to study at the university."



**FEATHER PICKERS** (From a girl who left Topaz to go turkey feather picking): "On Monday, around 11:30 AM, we went to work 4 blocks away from our hotel. None of us Coast nisei had ever experienced such a trial (as turkey feather picking).

The smell is terrific until you get used to it; at first everyone felt like leaving for Topaz. We all wore gunny sacks around our waist, had a small

knife and plucked off the fine feathers.

The boys who butchered the turkeys had knives, and while the turkeys were alive, slit their necks. And the blood spurted all over the boys. As the boys were beginners, they didn't bring any aprons; and about an hour after we started, they were just caked with blood as if they had taken a blood bath.

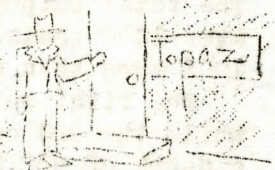
"...I can tell you now that I know that this is about the hardest work that many of us have done--but without a murmur of complaint, we worked 8 hours through the first day without a pause.

"...The issei appeared more fatigued than us; for on the first day of work we came home at 9 P.M. We were all so tired that we didn't even feel like eating. To make it worse, we changed our rooms for a larger one, and we had to move the furniture from one room to another. And after scrubbing the floor and dusting everything out, we four slept around the clock. Our fingers and wrists were just aching, and I just dreamt of turkeys and more turkeys.

"...But even if the work is hard, it is worth the freedom that we are allowed, I think. There is no limit to ice cream and coca cola and shows here."

"...To me, no matter how difficult the job is, I believe that it is a good experience for all of us. But it is not for those in bad health. I'll stick it out anyway--."

## DELTANS



**VISITOR:** The Satakes of Delta, Utah, visited Topaz Sunday to see friends and to attend the Buddhist Church.

Formerly of Palo Alto, California, the Satakes moved last May to a farm about 10 miles from Topaz and are raising sugar beets. A resident from the City is working on the Satake farm.

Chiyoeko, Naoharu, and James Satake attended the outdoor Young People's Buddhist service, while their parents attended the adults' service.

James said: "The weather out here is pretty bad, but the people out here are nice so it makes up for it."

## NOTES



**VACATION:** After being absent from home for over a year, Arthur Eaton, head of the Housing Section, left Saturday October 17, for Berkeley, California, to visit with his family on a week's vacation.

**PROTESTANT:** The Rev. Gordon Clapman, executive secretary of the Western Area Protestant Commission, visited Topaz recently to study activities here and to report on the inter-faith, as well as the Protestant, programs of the other relocation centers he has visited.



## US ENGINEERS



The following information on Topaz's electricity, water and construction work was released this week by 1st Lieutenant C.J. Sauser, who is working under Capt. H.F. Dyer in the U.S. Engineers' office:

**ELECTRICITY:** Residents will no longer be bothered by dimouts caused by overloading of the electric circuit, as the 3 temporary 100 KVA transformers were replaced last week with 3,500 KVA transformers. "Now, 1500 KVA's, instead of the former 300, will take care of our present needs and more."

The City's electricity comes from Beaver City (over 100 miles to the south) via Richfield and over the mountains to Delta. In cases of emergency, the system is switched to another circuit at Nephi, located northeast of the City.

**WATER WELLS:** Two wells are at present supplying the City with water, while a 3rd well will be completed and functioning by the end of the month. All 3 wells are located to the east of the City.

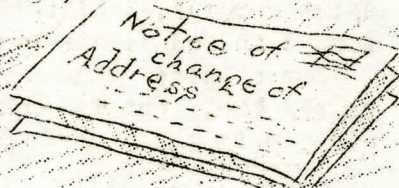
The first well has been pumping up to 600 gals. per minute, and the 2nd and 3rd have, or will be able to, supply an average of 500 gals. per minute each. The total output of the 3 wells will be over 1500 gals. per minute, which is 100% more than normal requirements.

The first well was dug to 860 feet, while the 2nd and 3rd wells were dug to a depth of 632 feet.

**PROGRESS CHART:** The U.S. Engineers' construction work has progressed as follows:

Administration building, 90% completed; residents' buildings, 98%; electrical service, 92%; hospital, 50%; military police, 99%; sewer mains, 100% (completed Sept. 30); streets, 35%; warehouses, 99%; water distribution, 98%; water storage, 10%.

## POST OFFICE



**CARDS:** The postoffice this week requested non-citizens in Topaz to notify the proper government agencies of a change of address.

A copy of the white card (AR-11 Revised), now available at the postoffice, must be sent to the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., and another to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 111 Sutter St., San Francisco. (Topaz is located in Millard County, Utah.)

A tan card (22-B) is also available to residents who wish to notify the draft board or magazines and newspapers of their new address.

**STATISTICS:** Hideo Iyeki, postoffice supervisor of workers, revealed that the daily incoming mail now averages 1500 letters, 800 magazines and newspapers, and 200 packages. The average outgoing mail per day is 2000 letters and 50 packages.

**"H. NAKAMURA":** City residents were asked by the postoffice dead-letter staff to tell their correspondents to write their full names when sending letters to Topaz. For an example of the resulting confusion when this was not followed, Iyeki pointed out that a letter was received for a "H. Nakamura", this week, but it caused trouble for the staff since there are 3 Nakamuras in the City with the initial "H".

It was stressed that any mail received by mistake at the wrong address should be returned to the postoffice.

## CONSULTATION



**GALEN FISHER:** To aid residents in securing recreational and educational materials, Dr. Galen M. Fisher, one of the committee members of the Western Area Protestant Church Commission, will be available for consultation in Topaz at the religious center in Rec '33 on Monday morning, Oct. 26.

Dr. Fisher has been working on plans to obtain funds and supplies for education and recreation, to be sent to the WRA for distribution as the WRA administrators deem best.

Dr. Fisher said he expects to form a round-table in San Francisco, inviting well-informed persons from the WRA, to study the chief issues raised by the evacuation. This will be similar to that held by 8 professors and several other friends on Oct. 13 at the University of California, and it will be in preparation for an international conference to be held in Canada in December under the auspices of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

## RECREATION



BY TAD HIROTA  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**SPOOK WEEK:** Next week the residents young and old, will revel in witches, ghosts and all the quaint superstitions of days long past as they celebrate Halloween. By careful planning, supervision, and suggestion, the Community Activities Section hopes for a safe and sane Halloween. A night of parties, dances, bonfires and general merry-making is being mapped out for all age groups here in Topaz. Announcements regarding the whereabouts and time of these spook socials will be made in all the dining halls.



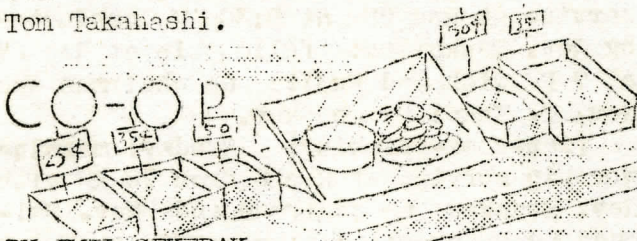
early next week.

**DEDICATION:** Despite a last minute notice, this section did a remarkable job in making the general arrangements for the hospital dedication ceremonies which were held last Sunday afternoon. A large crowd was present at the first center-wide assembly. The unveiling of the monumental stone by Mrs. Ed Kitow, head nurse, was a feature of the program. This rock, weighing close to 4 tons, was brought in by members of this department about a week ago from the hills, some 10 miles west of Topaz.

**TOUCH FOOTBALL:** This Sunday afternoon the 11 to 13 year old boys will provide spectator entertainment when the Topaz Scorpions, coached by George Ushijima, tangle with tricky Midgets, tutored by Goro Suzuki, at 1:30 PM in front of the Community Activity Hall #20. With one game under their belt, the Midgets plan to open up their bag of tricks and "T" formation their way to victory.

**THIS AND THAT:** Fred Koba, who headed the resident recreation staff in Tanforan will hold a like position in the Community Activities Section staff here. He arrived in this new city with the last contingent; Mr. Koba replaces Kim Obata, who has been capably heading the section to date. Kim will now head the arts and crafts division of the section.

Community Activity Hall #6 has the only regulation ping pong table in this center at present and as a result is drawing many players there. It belongs to one of the residents in that block, Tom Takahashi.



BY EMIL SEKERAK  
COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

**ORGANIZATION:** A temporary executive board and committees have been established for the operation of Consumer Enterprises, pending permanent organization which is waiting upon both further cooperative education of the community generally and upon an adequate set of by-laws (being drawn up by the temporary board).

**NEW SHIPMENT:** According to Walter Honderich, superintendent of Consumer Enterprises, a large, assorted dry goods shipment will arrive in Topaz in a week or 10 days. This shipment will include such items as baby blankets, oil cloth, curtain material, socks and stockings, needles, underwear, work clothes and many other items that the residents have been requesting.

Other lines that have been ordered, and which are expected to arrive within the next 2 weeks, are yarn goods, hardware, drugs, shoes, staple groceries and fruit, such as oranges and apples.

**ENTERPRISES:** A hand laundry has been established with a 2-day service. As soon as funds for laundry equipment are available and a survey of needs is made, it is planned to have a regular full-scale laundry service. Plans are underway for an early opening of a shoe repairing service, with hand repairing coming first and full-scale repairing later when equipment is purchased and installed. Plans for a beauty shop, including permanent waving, are also underway.

**BANK AND CHECKS:** In addition to furnishing the usual goods and services, Consumer Enterprises is working out a plan for a cooperative bank, perhaps a Credit Union, where residents can cash checks, make deposits and withdrawals, and procure cashier's checks.

From Wednesday, Oct. 14, through Saturday, Oct. 16, Consumer Enterprises' Co-op Store cashed close to \$15,000 worth of Tanforan paychecks for the residents, all without charge.

## NURSERY



In addition to the 2 pre-school nurseries that have been in operation since Oct. 5 in Recs 9 and 13, 2 more centers will be opened Monday, Oct. 26, in Recs 27 and 31, according to Grace Fujii and Kay Uchida, directors of the schools.

The first 2 centers, with a staff of 7 members each, have a total enrollment of 90 children. The new nurseries will be similarly staffed.

The centers are at present open from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, but a full-day schedule is being contemplated.

The 2 directors explained that these nurseries are patterned after standard pre-schools of supervised activity and "are not merely places to leave the children during the absence of the mother." And they emphasized: "We want to stress that we are concerned primarily with the idea of building up the formation of proper habits for children."

## NOTICES



**OPTOMETRY CLINIC:** Adjustments, fittings and refractions for eye glasses are being made at the Optometry Clinic located in the Hospital out-patient building, according to Dr. Henry Takahashi, supervisor.

A staff of 6 optometrists are working here. At present, there are no facilities to provide for glasses.

**DANCE:** A record-dance is scheduled for tonight (Saturday) from 7:30 to 10:30 PM (tentative plan), according to the Community Activities Division.

**CITY HALL:** Offices of the Topaz City Hall have been moved from Rec 16 to 41-2-D.

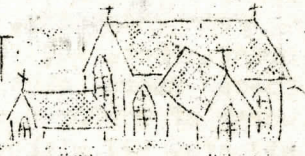


**INTER-FAITH:** The continuation of the planning committee was approved at the weekly meeting of the Inter-Faith Ministerial Association on Oct. 14 at the religious center.

Topic of discussion was the feasibility of a church section in the Topaz Times to present information and news of the churches. According to Irvin Hull, head of the Project Reports Division, who was a guest at the meeting, Project Director Charles F. Ernst has already been approached regarding inclusion of a Japanese language section in the church news.

Rev. Nishimura was named to temporarily take charge of the Japanese bulletin to be posted in the dining halls. The heading for the bulletin will be "Kyokai Annai."

## PROTESTANT



BY REV. HOWARD TORIUMI

**ONE CHURCH:** The 13 Protestant Churches of the San Francisco Bay area has been united into one Protestant Church of Topaz for the duration of the war. It has been decided that no separate organization will be formed, and that all church meetings will be conducted under the Protestant Church of Topaz.

**EVENING SERVICE:** The first English Sunday Evening Service was held at Rec #27 under the chairmanship of Henry Tani the principal speaker was Rev. Taro Goto, who spoke on the subject, "Go Ye Therefore".

Some of the highlights of his talk were: "We are not creators but we are creatures of the Creator Father and therefore we are endowed with creative capacity. We can take our life for the duration of the war either as a period of inactivity and stagnation or as a period of training and preparation for the new Age after the conflict.

He concluded with: "Therefore, let us do our utmost in equipping ourselves for the great tasks ahead of us."

The meeting ended with an interesting discussion led by Chairman Tani on the topic, "What differences do you find here in contrast to Tanforan."

**MORNING SERVICE:** The Protestant Sunday Morning English Service was held at Rec #22 with Rev. George Aki as chairman and Rev. S. Shimada as speaker. The topic for his morning message was "temptations in the Wilderness Today".

His talk can be summarized as follows: "Young people in Topaz City are floating on the ocean of temptations. But, there is the highway to overcome any kind of temptations. That is to come to the words of God, the Bible. Jesus Christ overcame the temptations in the wilderness by God's words. Let us come back to the Bible, the highway to the victory of the everlasting Glory."



**F.O.R.:** John Navin Sayre, national president of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, visited Topaz Wednesday and, in the evening, talked to a group of 20 at 2-12-E. He left Thursday morning for Salt Lake City.

Sayre said that there were about 590 F.O.R. groups throughout the country, with 10,000 members. Inasmuch as the work of reconciling peoples and nations now at war requires perseverance and willingness to suffer vicissitudes, mushroom growth of F.O.R. members is not advised, he added.

**CATHOLICS:** Bishop Hunt of Salt Lake City will meet with Topaz Catholics on Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 7 PM at Rec 14. He will also meet with administration officials during his visit. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

## SCHEDULE



**PROTESTANT CHURCH AT RECS 22, 5, 27**

(English-Speaking) Sunday: Sunday School at Rec 22 at 9:30 AM with Mr. Kanehara as chairman and Rev. George Aki as speaker; Sunday School at Rec 27 from 9:30 AM with Yasuko Kusunoki as chairman and Rev. Howard Toriumi as speaker; English Service at Rec 22 from 10:30 AM with Rev. T. Goto as speaker; communion service at Rec 22 at 8:30 AM conducted by Rev. Tsukamoto; fellowship at Rec 27 at 7 PM with Ted Fujita as chairman and Rev. M. Wakai as speaker.

(Japanese-speaking) Sunday: morning worship service at Rec 5 from 10 AM with Rev. Hayakawa as chairman and Rev. Shimada as speaker; evening services at Rec 22 at 7 PM with Rev. I. Tanaka as chairman; Wednesday: evening services at Rec 5 at 7 PM with Mr. Nemoto as chairman and Rev. Shimada as speaker.

**BUDDHIST CHURCH AT RECS 28, 35, 31**

Sunday School at 9 AM at Rec 28 with Toshio Yoshida as chairman and Rev. I. Kyogoku as speaker; young people's service at 10 AM at Rec 35 with Nobuo Kitagaki as chairman and Rev. K. Kumata as speaker; young people's fellowship at 7 PM at Rec 28 with Masato Maruyama as chairman; adult service at 10 AM at Rec 28 with R. Egashira as chairman and Rev. T. Kashima as speaker; adult service at 10 AM at Rec 31 with E. Takeshita as chairman and Rev. K. Taira as speaker.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST AT REC 14**

Saturday: Sabbath School at 9 PM at Rec 14 with George Aso and Mrs. Tsujimura as chmn.; worship service at 10 AM at Rec 14 with K. Uchima as chairman;

**CATHOLIC CHURCH AT REC 3**

Sunday: Mass from 8 AM at Rec 3, conducted by Father Stoecke; Wednesday: evening mass from 6:30 PM at Rec 3.